Appointment of T.V. Correspondents

614. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan proposes to appoint T.V. correspondents from outside offering attractive terms and that there is growing resentment by the T.V. staff against the move ignoring their rights;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether before taking a decision to appoint T.V. correspondents from the open market Government have made any attempt to identify the talent from within the organisation for the posts; and

(d) if answer to part (c) above is in the negative, what are the reasons for opting to appoint T.V. correspondents from outside ignoring the claims of the eligible T.V. correspondents within the organisation who have put in years of service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Doordarshan has invited applications through advertisement for engaging artists purely on contract basis for specified number of posts, the details of which are as follows:—

S. No.	Category of Post/ Fee Scale	No. of Posts
1.	TV News Correspondent (Rs. 3000-4500)	20
2.	TV Assistant News Correspodence (Rs. 2200-4000)	30
3.	TV Assistant News Editor (Rs. 2200-4000/Rs. 2000-3500)	7

Representations against these recruitments have recently been received from the staff working in Doordarshan.

(c) and (d) The decision is based on the past experience as also requirements of TV news. The existing personnel of Doordarshan are free to apply in response to the advertisement. Their candidature will be considered alongwith others and they are entitled to age relaxation as per Government Rules.

Shortage of Court Fee Stamps

615. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the actute short supply of court fee stamps and the non-judicial stamp papers in the Delhi Courts for months together causing difficulty to the litigants and the lawyers;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the acute short supply of court fee stamps and the non-judicial stamp papers in the Delhi Courts; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Government to ensure regular and adequate supply in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Shortage of court fee stamps and non-judicial stamp paper was reported in Delhi recently. Special efforts were immediately made to rush supplies. Consignments containing 2.66 lakh sheets of court fee stamps and non-judicial stamp papers were airlifted to Delhi during May-June, 1987. Besides, special wagons containing 57.16 lakhs sheets of these papers were rushed to Delhi during the months of May/June, 1987 in order to mitigate the shortage. The situation has improved considerably.

(b) The private unit supplying watermarked paper for the printing of non-judicial stamps was locked